

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The following claim listing will replace all prior claim listings.

1. (*Currently Amended*) A candy having Candy based on starch matrix;  
wherein the candy has a rubber-elastic texture comprising:

- a) a first starch, VS, having an amylose content of less than 20% and a DPn of more than 750; and
- b) a second starch, NS, having an amylose content of more than 23% and a DPn of less than 300, the second starch being capable of forming a microcrystalline-crosslinked network with the first starch.

2. - 5. (*Cancelled*)

6. (*Currently Amended*) The candy based on a starch matrix of claim 1  
claims 1 or 2, wherein:

- a) the candy contains 0-50% of plasticizer and
- b) the candy contains 1-90% of sugar and sugar types, and
- c) the candy optionally contains a proportion of 1-50% of a network-capable starch,

the percentages proportion in percent in a), b) and c) being based on the dry weights and on the proportion of starch present.

7. (*Cancelled*)

8. (*Currently Amended*) The candy based on a starch matrix of claim 1 claims 1 or 2, wherein the candy comprises has at least one retrogradation-inhibiting material, especially glycogen or a dextran with a degree of branching of more than 0.05.

9. - 13. (*Cancelled*)

14. (*Currently Amended*) The candy based on a starch matrix of claim 1 claims 1 or 2, wherein:

- a) the starch matrix has a network, which is formed by homocrystallites and/or heterocrystallites and

- b) the first starch, VS, has at least one starch with a DPn of more than 1000, and/or

- c) the second starch has at least one network-capable starch with a DPn of less than 50.

15. (*Currently amended*) The candy based on a starch matrix of claim 1 claims 1 or 2, wherein:

- a) the candy contains 3-30% of plasticizer,
- b) the candy contains 20-75% of sugar and sugar types, and
- c) the candy **optionally** contains a proportion of 3-15% of network-capable starch,

the proportion in percent in a), b) and c) being based on the dry weights and on the proportion of starch present.

16. (*Cancelled*)

17. (*Cancelled*)

18. (*Currently Amended*) The candy based on a starch matrix of claims 1 or 2, wherein the candy is produced by means of a pre-product comprising VS and NS, the preparation of the pre-product suppressing the formation of a network and the amorphous state being frozen in.

19. (*New*) The candy based on a starch matrix of claim 8, wherein the retrogradation-inhibiting material is selected from the group consisting of glycogen and a dextrin with a degree of branching of more than 0.05.

20. (*New*) The candy based on a starch matrix of claim 8, wherein the retrogradation-inhibiting material is selected from the group consisting of glycogen and a dextrin with a degree of branching of more than 0.3.